



Save The Dates!

Mark your calendars now...

We have some exciting events coming up!

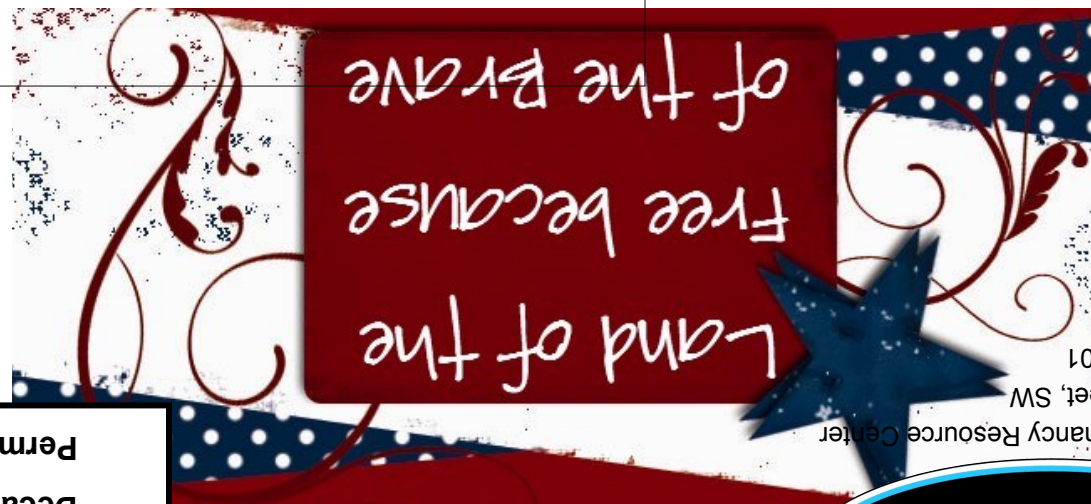
Monday, November 19, 2018 is our **Annual Fundraising Banquet** at Decatur Baptist Church. Be sure to mark this on your calendar as this is a little later than our usual date.

Saturday, January 26, 2019 we are super excited to announce our first annual **Living Free Women's Conference**, hosted by Westmeade Baptist Church, with very special guest speaker, **Chrystal Evans Hurst!**

See Inside to get all of the exciting details for both of these events.

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A Mother's Change of Heart

It seems we have seen an increase in abortion minded girls the past few months at the center. It always saddens us when a young girl comes in and thinks that abortion is the easiest solution to her situation. We see several abortion vulnerable girls each week but when they are abortion minded it breaks our heart for them. If only. If only they knew the long term affects of an abortion; if only they knew there are better options out there; if only they knew that they are capable of being a mother, that while it isn't always easy it isn't the terrible thing that they have imagined it to be; if only they knew that there are numerous families out there longing to give their baby a loving home. We talk with these girls about their different options, we encourage them in their situations. Some we get through to but unfortunately, others are set on abortion. By the time they realize the true affects of abortion it is too late to turn back or to undo what has been done. In those situations all that we can do is to pray fervently for them and to be here to love on them and help them through the pain and anguish that an abortion can cause.

Occasionally we hear back from the girls that come in the center set on having an abortion and after speaking with us, Praise God, they have changed their mind! We recently experienced one such incident. The client decided to wait until after her ultrasound appointment to make her final decision. When she came in for her ultrasound she stated that she had decided to carry the baby! During her ultrasound, as she lay on the exam table, tears began to run down her face and she stated that she could not believe that she had even considered killing her baby, the baby that was growing inside her own body! It's these stories that make the struggles that we face and the battles that we fight daily all worth while. While we would like to be able to say that we are always successful in changing a girls mind about abortion, that just is not the case. For each girl that we can get through to that is one life saved, one mother that will not have to deal the pain and suffering from making the choice of abortion.

You might ask, what is the difference in abortion vulnerable and abortion minded. Abortion vulnerable is when they say that they plan to carry and/or parent the child but due to their life's circumstances, statistically it is not likely that they will follow through with carrying the baby. Abortion minded is when they come in for a test and state that if they are pregnant that they either plan to abort or are considering abortion.

We ask that you continue to pray for all of our staff and volunteers that we will be guided by His Holy Spirit each time that we go into the counseling rooms. That it isn't our words that they hear but that we will let Him use us as His vessel to speak His truth to these girls each and every time. As with any ministry, it takes financial support to be able to do the things that we do and to provide the services that we provide, however, those who support us through prayer are just as important and we are so thankful for all that each of you do for us!

All Working Together for the Glory of God ...

We just wanted to share a little about another non-profit in our community and how we have been blessed to work together with them. Clothe Our Kids of North Alabama is a non-profit that provides shoes and clothing for school age children in our community. They started out serving Morgan County schools but quickly expanded to cover all of North Alabama. Brandi Breeden started this wonderful organization in April 2016. When we get clothing donations in larger sizes than what we provide, we pass them on to Clothe Our Kids. In turn, when Brandi gets infant and toddler clothing in with her donations, she passes them on to Sav-A-Life. If Brandi gets a request for help for a family that has infants/toddlers she comes by Sav-a-Life and gets the items that she needs. If Sav-A-Life has a family with older children that need assistance, we fill out a request through the Clothe Our Kids website and Brandi drops it off at the center. Clothe Our Kids accepts gently used, school appropriate clothing and shoes in children's and adults sizes. You can check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/clotheourkidsofnorthalabama/> to learn more about their ministry.

The CCC (Committee on Church Corporation) works closely with us also. They bring all baby items that they receive through their donations to Sav-A-Life. If someone contacts them needing baby items, they refer them to us. This not only gives us the opportunity to help more families with their needs but it also gives us the opportunity to share the Gospel and love of Christ with more families. We consider this to be a win/win situation for everyone.

We also have a business that helps us through clothing donations, as well as through other support. That business is Sprout's Children's Consignments. Cassandra Garrison, owner of Sprouts, made a big announcement on her Facebook Page in February 2017! Below is the statement that she posted.

*Sprouts Children's & Maternity Consignment
February 20, 2017*

Well, here it is... our big news... it is after lots of prayer that we have decided that we will be partnering with a local ministry each year and donating half our profit at Sprouts. This will allow us to make a bigger difference in our community. This year, we will be partnering with Save-A-Life. This is a local, Christian based, crisis pregnancy center. This ministry makes sense for us at Sprouts as we are a business that specializes in needs of mommies and children. It is our prayer that with your support, we can make a huge difference in the material and spiritual needs in our local community. Currently, we already donate all baby items we cannot use to Save-A-Life as well as Lexi House, and all children's items to Clothe the Children of Morgan County. This new plan will allow us to help with more specific pressing financial needs. Please pray with us as we embark on this new journey. Thank you for supporting us and our families and please join with us as we work to reach beyond our walls and support the needs in our community.

*Thank you!
Your Sprouts Family!*

In 2018, Sprouts made the decision to continue supporting Sav-A-Life by dividing the donations between us and Clothe Our Kids.

This is in no way all of the organizations, businesses, churches or people that help support and provide donations to Sav-A-Life. Each charity or ministry has a specific area or age that they assist with. None of us have the facilities or capability to be able to provide assistance for every situation or need that comes through our doors. By working with each other and referring clients to each others ministries, together we are able to help in most any situation where a need arises.

If you will notice, the common thread with all of this is "donations". This means that none of what any of us do would be possible without people, just like you, generously donating your gently used items to these charitable organizations!

This is just a small example of what it takes to meet the needs of our community and what can happen when we all work together to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Important Details for Save The Date Events

Annual Fundraising Banquet...

Decatur Baptist has a lot going on in the month of October but, even with their busy schedule, they have very graciously set a date for our annual fundraising banquet in November. So, don't forget to mark Monday, November 19, 2018 on your calendars now!

Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Terri Collins, Alabama House Representative for District 8. This year, in order to reach new people that aren't familiar with our ministry, we would love to have your help filling our tables for the banquet. If you would like to be a contact for your church to help fill our tables or would just like to fill a table with some of your friends, please contact Veronna or Susan at 256-355-3828 to get all of the details.

Living Free Women's Conference...

The theme for this years conference is Redeemed. We are very excited to have Christian Author, Speaker and Worship Leader, Chrystal Evans Hurst as our special guest speaker for this years conference! Chrystal is the daughter of Dr. Tony Evans and the sister of Priscilla Shirer. You can read more about Chrystal at www.chrystalevanshurst.com. Also speaking at the conference will be Kimberly Verneti and our very own Veronna Keen. There will also be a worship band, vendors, a prayer room and door prizes. All proceeds from the Women's Conference will be for Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center.

Tickets are \$55.00 and are on sale now, this price includes lunch and a swag bag for each attendee. T-shirts are available for an additional \$20.00. You can go to our website, www.decaturplegancy.com, and under "Important News" click on the Redeemed Living Free Conference link or come by the office to purchase tickets.

Ladies, gather your friends and plan a girls day with us, enjoying a time of worship and hearing an encouraging word!



Thank You Ryker!

Ryker just recently celebrated his 5th birthday but instead of asking for gifts for himself, like most people, he asked his friends to bring items for Sav-A-Life! His mom stated that every year for his birthday that they buy him presents but ask those that attend his party to bring items to donate. This year they chose Sav-A-Life to be the recipient of those donations! All of the diapers that you see behind Ryker and the items beside him were all a result of his

birthday party. Thank You Ryker for your amazing donation to us! Happy Birthday!

If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:2 NLT

